



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the original Purple Heart, known as the Badge of Military Merit, is an American decoration and the oldest active military decoration in the world; *and*

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, as an incentive to the Continental Army; *and*

WHEREAS, it was the first award made available to the common soldier to recognize outstanding valor or merit; *and*

WHEREAS, following nearly 150 years of disuse, the Purple Heart was reestablished by the President of the United States per War Department General Order No. 3, dated February 22, 1932; *and*

WHEREAS, the contemporary Purple Heart is a combat decoration; *and*

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to military and civilian members of the United States Armed Forces who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who were killed in action or die from wounds received in action; *and*

WHEREAS, recipients of the Purple Heart have known the meaning of sacrifice in the preservation of the United States of America and National interests at home and abroad; *and*

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history; *and*

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Manatee County are honored to recognize all military members who have served, or are currently serving, in the United States Armed Forces, and are proud to dedicate August 7, 2013, as a special tribute to those brave service members who have received the Purple Heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that August 7, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

PURPLE HEART DAY

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 30th day of July 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**


By:


Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of Circuit Court

By:


Deputy Clerk



July 30, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #10

Subject

Purple Heart Day

Approved in Open Session 7/30/13
Manatee Board of County Commissioners

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

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Action Requested

Adopt proclamation designating August 7, 2013, as Purple Heart Day in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

F.S. 125

Background Discussion

Manatee County is designating August 7, 2013 as Purple Heart Day, in accordance with State legislation (FS Chapter 683).

The Florida Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation in 2012 establishing an annual Purple Heart Day in Florida, to be recognized on August 7th of each year.

In May 2012 Florida Governor Rick Scott signed a law establishing August 7 of every year as Purple Heart Day in Florida.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

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